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Subject: Today's Dimock briefing for Congressional staff

Today, at the request of House Energy and Commerce (majority) and Senate Environment and Public Works (minority) staff, a follow-up to last Thursday's briefing was held. House Science and Technology (majority) staff also participated. Staff had submitted questions in advance, relating to what communications occurred between EPA, PADEP, and Cabot prior to taking action. However, the staff that submitted questions did not join until the very end of the call (though they had requested the time) and those questions remained unaddressed. HS&T staff, who have not previously joined the calls, asked for a quick background and had questions about the levels of substances found, as well as whether it was typical for EPA to act when PADEP had not fully reviewed the spill report data. HS&T staff also requested a copy of the sampling plan, which will be provided. OECA and OSWER also participated.

We are still attempting to schedule a call with Congressman Marino's staff, for which they have requested EPA and PADEP participation.

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